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For: PULL-ON DISPOSABLE DIAPER

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Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Submitted concurrently herewith are copies of U.S. Patents 4,743,241 and 4,710,189 that were cited in the European Search Report of the corresponding European patent application. This Search Report was published after the issue date of the subject patent. A third reference, European Patent No. 0 487 921 cited in the European Search Report, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,415,649 which is already of record in the subject patent.

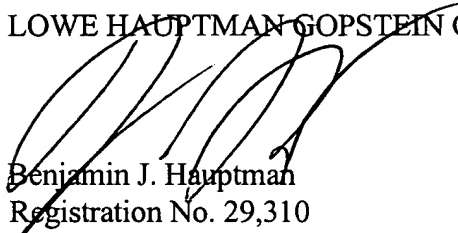
U.S. Patent 4,743,241 discloses a disposable absorbent underpants wherein a core 4 occupies a central zone of the pants but does not extend upwardly above elastic members associated with the waist opening and the rear waist region as required by claim 1 of the subject patent.

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U.S. Patent 4,710,189 also discloses a disposable diaper in which a hourglass-shaped core does not extend upwardly above the elastic members and the rear waist opening as presently claimed.

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